



Office of

**Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young
District four**

MAY 23, 2007 Weekly Update



Better minds for a better future!

L-R: Councilman Young, Eloisa Madrigal, Aaron Nash, Jerome Abaya, La Salle Mitchell, and Shiela Jackson, Vice President of the San Diego Unified School District.

City Council Actions:

On Monday May 21, 2007, we approved the Mayor's recommendation to sell some city-owned real estate. Since coming into office I have requested the Real Estate Assets department to review all city-owned real estate and manage city-owned properties as both responsible caretakers and pro-active managers. My recommendation was for this city to manage the public's properties like an efficient and effective first class real estate business that has as its mission, delivering the best value possible to the public and in the process enhancing the quality of life for all city residents.

I was very pleased to see the department has made significant improvements in managing the public's properties and supported their recommendations for the properties presented to us.

The Council joined me in honoring the 2007 class of exemplary students inducted into the 4th Council Districts Walls of Excellence. Each year we acknowledge and recognize the academic excellence, leadership, school and community service of graduating senior high school students in the 4th District. The students selected this year from Morse High School are La Salle



Mitchell, Ruth Mendez, and Jerome Abaya. Students selected from Gompers High School are Nayeli Gomez, Aaron Semaia, and Nancy Xaysanasith. Students selected from School of Creative and Performing Arts are Autumn Jones, Aaron Nash, and Eloisa Madrigal.

The induction ceremony for these outstanding students will be held at the Walls of Excellence on June 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m., located at the intersection of Imperial Avenue and Willie James Jones Avenue across from the soon to be finished Lincoln High School. You are all invited.

In a prior action of the Council, I received unanimous approval of my recommendation to appoint Derryl Williams to the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors.

Mr. Williams is a contract administrator with over 26 years of experience negotiating and implementing contracts in the Aerospace Industry. He is very active in community affairs and has a distinguished record of service on several boards and commissions including the City of San Diego's Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Fiscal Reform, Webster Community Council, Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group, and Groundwork San Diego. Mr. Williams is an outstanding addition to the SEDC Board of Directors and I thank and commend him on his willingness to volunteer his time and effort to improving economic and development opportunities in the 4th and 8th Council Districts.

You May Want to Know:

The 4th District's Common Ground Theatre is continuing its excellent production of "Josephine Baker Tonight" at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. This outstanding musical production directed by the legendary Dr. Floyd Gaffney is one for all of San Diego to see. "Josephine Baker Tonight" will run from May 3rd to May 23rd. I look forward to you coming out and spending an evening with your family and love ones enjoying the performances. Please call (619) 263-7911 for show times and additional information.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. Over 36 tons of waste and recyclables were removed from the Mount Hope community in May. I commend and thank Margaretha Heron, Reynaldo Pesayno, Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer, Jennifer Hobbs and the many community volunteers and city staff that assisted in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in.

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Board would like to invite the youth of the community to participate in the "Day in the Fourth" which will be held on June 9, 2007 at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The "Day in the Fourth" is a community festival event being coordinated by youth for the youth of our community. It is a day to build peace and unity; and to



show the diversity of talents that youth of this community possess. Special guest “Tommy the Clown” will be the featured performer. For more information please contact Derrick White of my staff at (619)236-6644.

The California Optometric Association is providing free comprehensive eye exams and eye glasses for qualified patients. To qualify: there must be at least one adult in the household that is employed at least part-time; the person(s) seeking an eye exam must have no public or private insurance that covers eye care; applicants must not have had an eye exam in the past 2 years; and applicants must be low-income and unable to pay for eye care. To apply, receive an application in English or Spanish on-line (www.californiavision.org) or call to request one by fax or mail. Qualified applicants are matched to an optometrist, and will receive a letter with the name, address and telephone number of the optometrist that they can call to schedule an appointment. For additional information please call Sean South, Sr. Health Community and Regulatory Advocate at (916) 441-3990 (800) 877-5738 Fax: (916) 448-1423

The Broadway Heights Community Council needs your help! The Council is hosting a 16 day Civil Rights tour for youth and mentors from the 4th District. The Youth Leadership Team will get firsthand information of the civil rights movement, American history, via visits to the White House, Congress, MLK Center in Atlanta, Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum in Memphis (where Dr. King was murdered), and the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Montgomery, Alabama (site of the famous march from Selma to Montgomery by Dr. King in 1965). This life experience for our 4th District youth will begin in July of 2007. Please call (619) 993-7612 for information on how you can contribute to this highly commendable effort by the Broadway Heights Community Council. Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated.

The 3rd Annual Filipino-American Arts and Culture Festival will be held on Paradise Valley Road on October 6, 2007. This event will showcase the great diversity that is found in our wonderful District through cultural performances, educational booths, ethnic foods and art displays. In order to ensure a successful event, the Filipino-American Arts and Culture Committee is now currently in the planning stage and would like to extend the invitation to any interested members of the community who would like to help plan and organize for this grand festival. This would be a great opportunity to meet new neighbors in the Fourth District and to bring the community together for a day of fun. If interested, please contact Liezl Mangonon from my staff for more information at 619-236-6644.



Community Council Meetings:

*I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is
my
privilege to do for it whatever I can.*

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

- **The Encanto Neighborhood Recreation Council** will meet on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Encanto Recreation Center, 6508 Wunderlin Drive (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)
- **The Broadway Heights Community Council** will meet on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., please call (619) 582-8147 for meeting location. (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **The Alta Vista Community Council** will meet on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Nye Elementary, 981 S. Valencia Parkway (Liesel Manganon staffs this meeting)
- **The Skyline Hills Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Skyline Recreation Center, 8285 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Grand Mother's Connection meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Tubman/Chavez Center, 415 North Euclid.** This exemplary group of 4th District grand mothers provides support and assistance to grandparents or relatives who are raising children under the age of 18. We all know how unfortunate it is when a child has to be raised by his/her grandparent or a relative. I commend and congratulate this group of grandmothers who are doing what they can to raise their children's children and assist others who are experiencing the same. Any assistance or resources you can provide to them will be very helpful. Thank you for your help and support. For additional information, please contact Sheryl Lambert at (619) 931-9548.



Boards & Commissions:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve.

You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

Save this Date:

Saturday, June 23, 2007 for the Soul of San Diego Gospel Fest and Juneteenth Celebration at Market Creek Plaza. Call (619) 527-1246 for more information.

Thank You.....

for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

